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### MATSUI MEETS WITH CONGRESSIONAL ART CONTEST WINNER ROCIO MORAN OF RANCHO CORDOVA

*Artwork will be displayed in U.S. Capitol*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Robert T. Matsui met today with St. Francis High School freshman Rocio Moran, winner of the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Congressional Art Contest. Rocio was in Washington for the unveiling of her piece, which be displayed in a heavily-traveled pedestrian tunnel between the Cannon House Office Building and the U.S. Capitol for the next year. Rocio was flown to Washington for the unveiling ceremony and was accompanied by her grandmother, Ruth Fedrau, and sister, Jennifer Moran.

The competition is coordinated by Members of Congress, and the winning piece from each district hangs in the Cannon Tunnel.

“I want to congratulate Rocio and all of the young artists who participated in this year’s Congressional Art Contest on their wonderful works of art,” Matsui said. “They all have phenomenal talent and I thank their families, teachers and communities for supporting them. Rocio’s painting will be a beautiful addition to the art collection in the U.S. Capitol.”

Each year, students from California’s 5<sup>th</sup> district are invited to submit original works of art for the contest. At this year’s contest, held in May, members of the local arts community judged each work of art and awarded Rocio with first place out of over a dozen entries.

This year’s theme was “Springtime in Sacramento.” Rocio’s painting, entitled “Spring Blossom,” is of a delicately shaded pink rose in watercolor. Second place went to freshman Analeigh Tipton for her black and white pastel of a rose entitled “Springtime.” And third place went to senior Gabriela Gutierrez for her vibrant acrylic painting entitled “Through the Links,” a depiction of downtown Sacramento as seen through a chain link fence. Both contest winners also attend St. Francis High School.

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